

SUNDAY SWAYS MIGHTY CONCOURSE

Preaches to 52,000 Cheering Enthusiasts at Three Meetings.

EVANGELIST AT HIS BEST

Welcomed By the Governor—Hurled Mighty Blows At Sin and Declares Baltimore's Greeting Superb.

Baltimore.—Fifty-two thousand men and women and youths Sunday heard Billy Sunday on the opening day of his six weeks' evangelistic campaign in this city.

The attendance at night broke all first-night records in the history of the campaigns, according to Mr. Sunday. Twenty thousand people were packed in the tabernacle at Twenty-ninth street and Greenmount avenue, and between 4,000 and 5,000 were turned away.

Swept By Enthusiasm.

Sunday came and saw and conquered. He launched the campaign at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, when he was presented to an audience of about 15,000 by Governor Harrington, who gave official approval to the meetings. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon he preached to 17,000. Enthusiasm, which even the most sanguine among the members of the local committee had scarcely hoped for, swept all three audiences. The throngs were made up of a majority of women, but largely of substantial business men, of mechanics, of clerks, with a sprinkling of society folks, and here and there a city and State official, a bank president, a big corporation official—and dozens of ministers of many denominations.

Philadelphia Yields Palm.

A Philadelphia sat through the evening service, his fourth opening night of a Sunday campaign, including the one in his home city.

"This beats anything I have ever seen," he said, "and takes the palm away from Philadelphia. Mr. Sunday has got 'em going already."

And the evangelist really did seem to "have 'em going." The thousands sat spellbound through the three services except when they applauded some telling point made in his exhortation of sin and his attacks on crooked politicians and the liquor interests, and then they applauded until the rough-board building reverberated with thunder. Those who went to get new sensations had their wishes satisfied, as well as those who were drawn to the tabernacle by belief in the campaign and the benefits thereof. Sunday hurled defiance at the enemies of religion, material and intangible, personal and impersonal; he delivered most of the remarkable gestures which have made him famous.

Climbs On the Pulpit.

He climbed upon his velvet-topped pulpit at the climax of his afternoon sermon, when, after he had asked all those present who wished to enroll themselves as "Christ's grenadiers" to stand up, the great congregation heaved itself to its feet as a man.

"And now, let us give God a shout of praise," Sunday cried, and with a spring was perched upon the pulpit which he had been pounding with his fist.

At the word thousands of handkerchiefs were waved, until the mass of humanity was changed in color on the instant, from a general tone of dark clothes and the tint of faces to a sea of white billows. That was one of the most dramatic moments of a day that was full of the dramatic.

No Trail-Hitting Yet.

There was no trail hitting. That will come later, probably at the end of this week or the first of next. And as the week wears on the outside meetings will increase, with gatherings in shops, factories and stores and churches.

HOPEWELL IS INCORPORATED.

Boom Munition Town To Have An Election On July 1.

Richmond, Va.—Hopewell, Va., has the boom war munitions town which, without a government for a year, has run a course paralleling that of Western mining towns in pioneer days, was incorporated by legislative enactment. The new town will have the novelty of an election July 1.

OBJECT TO 8-HOUR DAY.

American Federation of Labor Sends Protest To House.

Washington.—At the direction of its executive council, in session here, the American Federation of Labor protested to Congress against a pending proposal to require Government clerks here to work not less than eight hours a day. They now work at least seven. Representative Borland, author of the proposal, asked the executive council to reconsider its action.

CAPTURED 12,538 TURKS.

Petrograd Issues First Statement On Prisoners Taken By Russians.

London.—Petrograd has issued the following official statement: "The results of the operations at Erzerum were obtained with relatively insignificant losses. We captured 225 Turkish officers, 12,753 men, the first class Turkish fortress of Erzerum and large depots of arms, munitions, supplies, signaling telegraph and telephone equipment, stores and parks."

ARMIES BATTLE IN A FURIOUS BLIZZARD

Germans Continue Great Drive on Verdun.

HEAVY LOSSES INFLICTED

The French Falling Back, But Their Lines Intact—Heavy Losses On Both Sides, German Casualties Estimated At 150,000.

London.—Along the front in the region of Verdun the Germans and the French continue the great struggle which began several days ago, with the Germans on the offensive and their aim evidently the great French fortress of Verdun.

Notwithstanding a heavy fall of snow, the Germans to the north of Verdun have attacked, with Paris terms unprecedented violence and with large forces, French positions at several points, but according to the French official communication the attacks were without success. Especially has this been true of La Cote du Poivre, about four and one-half miles north of the fortress, the attainment of which would give the Germans a good vantage point from which to operate against Verdun.

Heavy casualties are being inflicted by both sides, and the Germans claim that they have taken many prisoners, the aggregate at last reports totaling more than 10,000.

Say Germans Lost 150,000.

The German losses during the first four days of the battle around Verdun are authoritatively estimated at 150,000 men.

The German offensive is recognized now as probably only the beginning of a determined effort to take the French front, and compares in violence and losses to the battle of the Yser. The French assume that the battle may continue a fortnight. The German forces are known to be at least 300,000, supported by numerous 15-inch and 17-inch Austrian mortars, with all the heavy artillery used in the Serbian campaign and part of that formerly employed on the Russian front.

Preparations for the battle were observed early in December, when the first troops assigned to the operation were brought up. Eight divisions that returned from Serbia were sent to Belgium for a rest and then transported to the region of Verdun in January. Five army corps in all are known to have been brought up to reinforce two corps which previously held that part of the line between Etain and Vanuols. Those were the best troops of the German Army, including, as it is learned from prisoners, the famous Third Corps of Brandenburg, supposedly equal in valor to the Prussian guard, and the Fifteenth Army Corps, commanded by Gen. von Demling, known in France as one of the most brilliant of the German general officers.

NINE KILLED IN WRECK.

Fully Fifty Injured In Collision Near Milford, Conn.

Milford, Conn.—Disregard of a cautionary signal probably was responsible for the rear-end collision on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad near here, in which nine persons lost their lives and fully 50 were injured, according to Charles C. Elwell, of the Connecticut Public Utilities Commission. The State's investigation already is under way, but in as much as four railroad employees, the most important witnesses, were killed, it will be difficult to fix responsibility, Mr. Elwell said. Two passengers, a man and a woman, were killed instantly when a local train running at 40 miles an hour crashed into the rear of the Greenfield Express, which had been stalled because of a broken air hose. Two other passengers died in hospitals to which they were taken.

TWO MEN BLOWN TO PIECES.

No Trace Found Of Them After Powder Explosion.

Emporium, Pa.—Jack Yacum and Victor Sudderland, of Emporium, were blown to pieces when nitroglycerin in the gelatine house at the Emporium Powder Mill, of the Aetna Explosive Company, exploded. There were no other men in the building. No trace of the bodies of the two men were found. The explosion was heard at Driftwood, nine miles away. Coroner Falk, who investigated the accident, said the cause will probably never be known.

HATCHES AT 14 BELOW.

Kansas Hen Brings Out Eight Chicks For New Record.

Olathe, Kansas.—With the thermometer at 14 degrees below zero, the Kansas hen has scored again. The other morning Mrs. M. W. Ott heard a hen clucking in the haymow of the barn. Investigation showed eight downy Buff Orpington chicks, just hatched. The hen had stolen her nest and established a new record for early fryers.

TO AMEND BANKRUPTCY LAWS.

Congressman Coady Wants Time To Ask Discharge Extended.

Washington.—Representative Coady, of Baltimore, introduced a bill in the House amending the bankruptcy laws so that the time limit for a bankrupt to apply for discharge may be extended. There are a number of cases where the bankrupt has failed to ask for discharge in the time limit, with the result that the case had to be heard in the courts.

WELL, THE SAP'S STARTED RUNNING



WILL DEFEND NATION'S HONOR

President Wilson Stands Firmly to His Position.

HOPES FOR EXPLANATIONS

Congress Rallies To Aid Diplomacy. Stand Behind President In Critical Hour—The Situation Unchanged.

Washington.—As a climax to two days of agitation in Congress for action for warning Americans against traveling on armed merchant ships came the announcement by President Wilson that he could not consent to the abridgment in any respect of the rights of American citizens.

This significant statement of the President was in a letter to Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, a communication which set forth in unmistakable terms the determination of the Administration to uphold at all costs and under all circumstances the dignity of the nation and the rights of the nation's citizens.

"The honor and self-respect of the nation is involved," writes the President. "We covet peace and shall preserve it at any cost but the loss of honor."

The President expressed hope that explanations of the declared intentions of the Central European powers to sink all armed merchant ships without warning would put a different aspect on a situation which now seemed to present insuperable obstacles.

"We have had no reason to question their good faith or their fidelity to their promises in the past," he added, "and I for one feel confident that we shall have none in the future."

The letter was in answer to one written by Senator Stone, outlining the situation existing at the Capitol, where persistent demands had been made for some action which might lessen the possibility of war between the United States and Germany.

At the State Department it was stated that in its international aspects the situation had not changed in the slightest degree for three or four days. Officials said nothing had been heard from Germany in response to the request of the United States for assurances that previous pledges given in the Lusitania and Arabic negotiations would not be nullified by the new campaign against armed ships. Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, through whom the request was made, also was said to be without information as to when a response would be forthcoming.

Confidential advices from Berlin, however, have indicated that Germany would reply that all assurances previously given would be observed, but that they applied only to unarmed vessels, and would propose discussion of what defensive armament properly may be. How far such a proposal would go toward altering the situation is said to depend largely upon additional information as to how armed British merchantmen are said to have been warred on German submarines, which now is on the way to Washington by mail.

Administration officials reiterated the declaration that the United States never had departed since the beginning of the submarine controversy from its firm stand for the observance of international law. And they pointed out that throughout history the right of a merchantman to carry limited armament solely for defense never had been questioned.

BANDITS ON ROLLER SKATES.

Purse Snatchers in Texas Towns Make Numerous Hauls.

El Paso, Texas.—Roller skate bandits are furnishing a problem for the police in Orange, Texas, and nearby towns. Purse snatchers on roller skates dart along the sidewalk, snatch shopping bags from women and whisk around a corner. Seven such robberies were reported in 15 minutes.

RADIO REACHES ALL SECTIONS.

Preparedness Message Took 90 Minutes To Pacific Coast.

Chicago.—The message sent by wireless to Governors of the States and Mayors of the large cities at 11 o'clock Monday night from Davenport, Iowa, as a demonstration of the radio preparedness of the country's 25,000 licensed amateur operators, reached the remotest parts of the country through various relays, according to advices received here.

FIFTEEN STATES JOIN THE FIGHT

Want West Virginia Prohibition Law Sustained.

DECISION WILL AFFECT ALL

Brief Claims There Is No Difference In Principle Between Right To Manufacture and Right To Import.

Washington.—Attorney generals of 15 States filed with the Supreme Court a joint argument in support of the constitutionality of the West Virginia liquor law prohibiting the receipt and possession of intoxicating liquors for personal use and of the Federal Webb-Kenyon liquor law prohibiting the shipping of intoxicating liquors into States for use in violation of State laws.

The States representing were Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington and Alabama.

The decision of the court in the West Virginia cases, now before the court for oral argument is expected to be the most important adjudication in the temperance fight in a decade.

"It seems strange at this late day," the attorney generals stated to the court in their brief, "to hear a claim made that the State and national governments' guarantee to a citizen the right to possess and receive liquor for personal use and to drink the same in unlimited quantities. If such had been the case, it is difficult to see how any sort of prohibitory law could have ever been sustained, since all of them have a direct tendency to reduce or prevent the use of intoxicating beverages, and it is the purpose of all of them to promote temperance by the prevention of the consumption of intoxicants. This purpose has found repeated expression in adjudged cases."

"If a citizen of a state has a right to obtain intoxicating liquors for his own use in any quantity, or in unlimited quantities, it would seem to follow he should at least have the right to manufacture such liquor for his own use from the products of his own labor, and yet it is settled he has not such right."

Turning to the Webb-Kenyon law, the attorney generals urged that to accomplish the valid purpose of prohibiting the traffic in liquors it is necessary for a state to have the right to control interstate shipments even for personal use.

"This is a step which has a fair relation to the end to be accomplished," they contended. "What is the difference in principle between the denial of the right to manufacture and a denial of the right to import?"

WORKERS PROMISED BONUS.

Five Per Cent. On Earnings Will Be Paid Next Christmas.

Shenandoah, Pa.—Notices were sent by the Samuel Valentine Shirt Company, of this city and Ashland, to go into effect February 25, that a bonus of five per cent. will be paid on the total wages earned to all employees of record December 2, 1916, provided they have been in constant employment of the company for six months or more on that date. The bonus will be paid around Christmas next.

WOULD ENLARGE EMBASSIES.

Lansing Asks Congress For Twelve More Secretaries.

Washington.—Secretary Lansing asked Congress to appropriate for 12 more secretaries of legations abroad, because of the work assumed by the United States caring for the diplomatic interests of warring nations, and proposed creation of the title of counselor, to rank next to a minister or ambassador, in the American embassies, to correspond with the titles in foreign embassies.

SNAKE BITES MRS. ARCHBOLD.

She Shoots Rattler After Being Attacked—Will Recover.

Thomasville, Ga.—Mrs. John F. Archbold, daughter-in-law of John D. Archbold, of the Standard Oil Company, was bitten by a rattlesnake while hunting on the Archbold estates, near here. Physicians said a heavy rubber boot prevented complete poisoning and her wound would not prove fatal. Mrs. Archbold shot the snake after she had been bitten.

SEAPLANES AGAIN RAID ENGLAND

Seventeen Bombs Dropped Upon Lowestoft.

CHURCH SERVICE BROKEN UP

Six Bombs Dropped From a Height Of 2,500 Feet Upon Walwar—An Official Report Admits Considerable Damage.

London.—Four German seaplanes Sunday made a raid over the east and southeast coasts of England, according to an official announcement. The total casualties are given as two men and one boy killed and one marine wounded. Considerable material damage was done. The official communication says:

"The first raiders, two biplanes, appeared over Lowestoft at 10.55 A. M. and circled over the south side of the town for five minutes and dropped bombs. In about five minutes they rose to a great height and seemingly vanished. At 11.10 A. M. the two seaplanes were again over the town and then vanished eastward again."

"Altogether, 17 small, high-explosive bombs were dropped. There were no casualties. Considerable damage was caused to the outbuildings of a restaurant and to two dwelling houses. Two naval seaplanes went up at 11.05 A. M. and pursued the raiders, but without result."

Meanwhile, two other German seaplanes were making for the Kentish Coast. The first passed over the Kentish Knock light vessel, dropping bombs in that vicinity, at 11.20 A. M. The last raider made straight for Walmer. Reaching that town at 11.27 A. M., flying at less than 2,500 feet, it dropped six bombs and turned sharply to the east.

"Two of the bombs that fell destroyed roofs and broke windows in the neighborhood. One of them fell close to a church, blowing in the windows as the congregation was singing Te Deum. A third bomb fell on a roadway running along the beach, killing one civilian and injuring one marine."

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"Two of our aeroplanes, which went up from Dover, pursued the raider, but apparently could not overtake him."

In view of the distance of Lowestoft from the nearest hostile aviation base, it is recalled that a German newspaper recently described a new arrangement whereby a submarine was combined with an aeroplane, the submarine acting as a submersible hangar, from which a small seaplane could operate, after being conveyed within suitable distance of its objective.

EXPLAINS SHIP SEIZURES.

Portugal Says 36 Were Held For Public Good.

Lisbon, via Paris.—The Official Gazette publishes the decree under which 36 German and Austrian merchant ships lying in the Tagus river were seized by the commander of the naval division here. The Portuguese Minister in Berlin has been instructed to explain to the German Government the significance of the seizures and give assurances that the rights of the owners will be respected.

AUSTRIA ASKS MORE LIGHT.

U. S. To Furnish Additional Information On Petrolite.

Washington.—Austria has asked the United States for additional information on the protest against the attack by an Austrian submarine upon the American tanker Petrolite several weeks ago. Such information as this government has will be furnished promptly.

ROOSEVELTS AT BARBADOS.

Will Go From There To Demerara and Trinidad.

Barbados, B. W. I.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt arrived here and proceeded to Demerara, British Guiana. They will go from Demerara to Trinidad, where they will take a steamer direct to New York. Both Colonel Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt are in good health.

31 ZEPPELINS LOST?

Germans Are Said To Have About Sixty In Operation.

Copenhagen.—Thirty-one Zeppelins have been destroyed since the beginning of the war, according to information reaching here. The Germans have been building new dirigibles as rapidly as possible and are understood to have about 60 in action on different fronts.

JAPAN NOT TO AID RUSSIA.

Foreign Minister Denies That Troops Will Be Sent.

Tokyo, Japan.—The Foreign Minister, Baron Ishii, denied in the Diet that Japan intends to send troops to the assistance of Russia.

KILLED ON BATTLESHIP.

Fireman On Delaware Victim Of Exploding Water Evaporator.

Washington.—An explosion of the evaporating shell on the battleship Delaware, off Guantanamo Sunday night, caused the death of Edward McNulty Rebeby, the Navy Department announced. Rebeby's father, at Jansenville, N. Y., was notified. Rebeby was a first-class fireman, in charge of the evaporator which distills fresh water from sea water.

4 ELECTRIC COS. ARE CHARTERED

Three Concerns To Operate In Cambria County and One, Of Philadelphia, In Berks.

Named Secretary 23th Year.

Bangor.—With Bishop Samuel P. Spreng, of Napperville, Ill., presiding, the seventy-seventh annual session of the Evangelical Association opened here. Rev. Augustus Kroeger was appointed secretary for the twenty-fifth consecutive year. Rev. W. L. Boffman, of Allentown, was elected presiding elder and stationed in Allentown. F. L. Wentz was appointed to the Reading district.

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Breeders' Association.

Pittsburgh.—The amalgamation of the Pennsylvania Breeders' Association and the Pennsylvania Dairy Union was effected at a joint meeting of the two associations here. The consolidation was authorized by a unanimous vote and the new organization will be known as the Pennsylvania State Breeders' and Dairymen's Association.

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Takes Over Powder Company.

Kittanning.—The Fort Pitt Powder Company, with general offices here and plants at Putneyville and Scottsdale, was sold to the Atlas Powder Company, of Wilmington, Del., for \$300,000. The Fort Pitt plants have a capacity of 1,000 kegs of powder daily, and cover 23 1/2 acres.

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Dios Of Grief.

South Bethlehem.—Just one year to the day from the time her son Patrick Maroney was killed at the Bethlehem Steel Works, Mrs. Daniel Maroney died. The mother's death was partly due to grief over her son's death.

Bangor Tax Rate Reduced.

Bangor.—Council has fixed the tax rate for the ensuing year at 71-10 mills, a slight reduction.

Confess To Robbery.

Allentown.—Clever work by Detectives Weiss and Stoneback resulted in the arrest of Warren Mixson and John Holtzman, who confessed they robbed the Quakertown Silk Mill of 5,000 yards of ribbon, worth \$2,000, and the recovery of all the goods.

Mill Starts Double Shift.

Catasauqua.—The management of the Bryden Horseshoe Works announced that No. 2 mill would start on a double shift basis at once.

Train Kills Ex-Newspaper Owner.

Berwick.—David Ferrell, of Beach Haven, forty-five years old, former proprietor of the Nanticoke "News," latterly a farmer near here, was killed when the wagon he was driving was struck by a D. L. & W. passenger train.

Only Six Dogs In Telford.

Telford.—Assessor Lenford Knipe reports that he is not able to find over six dogs assessable in the entire borough.

STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

The Latest Gleanings From All Over the State.

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